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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A device comprising:
 - a network interface for coupling to a network; and
 - a processor coupled with the network interface, wherein where the processor is adapted configured to:
 - transmit a call setup message to a called device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
 - receive from the called device a reply message;
 - analyze the reply message for inclusion of an attribute of the called device associated with the connection session;
 - infer from the reply message the attribute that is not included in the reply message; and
 - transmit data to the called device using the inferred attribute.
2. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein where the inferred attribute is a codec type of the device or a maximum allowable jitter or burst size associated with data that may be received by the device.
3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein where the inferred attribute is a maximum bandwidth that the device may receive data in.
4. (Currently amended) A device comprising:
 - a network interface for coupling to a network; and
 - a processor coupled with the network interface, wherein where the processor is adapted configured to:
 - transmit a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
 - receive from the device a reply message;
 - analyze the reply message;
 - infer from the reply message an attribute of the device for the connection session that is not included in the reply message; and
 - transmit data to the device using the inferred attribute, wherein where

the reply message includes an identifying number of a port that the device will be using to transmit data from, and

the inferred attribute is the port number that will be used by the device to receive data from, inferred as a function of the identified port number.

5. (Currently amended) The device of claim 4, wherein where the inferred port number is the same as the identified port number.
6. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein where: the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.
7. (Currently amended) A device comprising:
a network interface for coupling to a network; and
a processor coupled with the network interface, wherein where the processor is adapted configured to:
transmit a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
receive from the device a reply message;
analyze the reply message;
infer from the reply message an attribute of the device for the connection session that is not included in the reply message;
transmit data to the device using the inferred attribute; and
decide that information about the attribute will not be forthcoming prior to inferring.
8. (Currently amended) The device of claim 7, wherein where deciding is performed by determining that the reply message was received before information about the attribute was received.
9. (Currently amended) The device of claim 7, wherein where: the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.

10. (Currently amended) A device comprising:
 - a network interface for coupling to a network; and
 - a processor coupled with the network interface, wherein where the processor is adapted configured to:
 - receive a call setup message from a calling device through a network to establish a connection for exchanging data;
 - configure a first port to transmit data through, during the connection;
 - configure a second port to receive data from, during the connection;
 - transmit to the calling device a reply message identifying the first port as a port to transmit from, but not identifying the second port; and
 - receive data addressed to the second port in response to the reply message, wherein where the calling device infers from the reply message an identify of the second port.
11. (Currently amended) A device comprising:
 - a network interface for coupling to a network; and
 - a processor coupled with the network interface, wherein where the processor is adapted configured to:
 - receive a call setup message from a device through a network to establish a connection for exchanging data;
 - configure a first port to transmit data through, during the connection;
 - configure a second port to receive data from, during the connection;
 - transmit to the device a reply message identifying the first port as a port to transmit from, but not identifying the second port; and
 - receive data addressed to the second port in response to the reply message, wherein where an identifying number of the second port has a preset relationship with an identifying number of the first port.
12. (Currently amended) The method device of claim 11, wherein where the identifying number of the second port equals the identifying number of the first port.

13. (Currently amended) The device of claim 10, wherein where:
the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and
the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.
14. (Previously presented) A device comprising:
means for transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
means for receiving from the device a reply message;
means for analyzing the reply message for inclusion of an attribute of the device associated with the connection session;
means for inferring from the reply message the attribute that is not included in the reply message; and
means for transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute.
15. (Currently amended) The device of claim 14, wherein where
the inferred attribute is a codec type of the device or a maximum allowable jitter or burst size associated with data that may be received by the device.
16. (Currently amended) The device of claim 14, wherein where
the inferred attribute is a maximum bandwidth that the device may receive data in.
17. (Currently amended) A device comprising:
means for transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
means for receiving from the device a reply message;
means for analyzing the reply message;
means for inferring from the reply message an attribute of the device for the connection session that is not included in the reply message; and
means for transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute, wherein where
the reply message includes an identifying number of a port that the device will be using to transmit data from, and

the inferred attribute is the port number that will be used by the device to receive data from, inferred as a function of the identified port number.

18. (Currently amended) The device of claim 17, ~~wherein where~~ the inferred port number is the same as the identified port number.
19. (Currently amended) The device of claim 14, ~~wherein where:~~ the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.
20. (Previously presented) A device comprising:
means for transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
means for receiving from the device a reply message;
means for analyzing the reply message;
means for inferring from the reply message an attribute of the device for the connection session that is not included in the reply message;
means for transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute; and
means for deciding that information about the attribute will not be forthcoming prior to inferring.
21. (Currently amended) The device of claim 20, ~~wherein where~~ deciding is performed by determining that the reply message was received before information about the attribute was received.
22. (Currently amended) The device of claim 20, ~~wherein where:~~ the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.
23. (Previously presented) A device comprising:
means for receiving a call setup message from a calling device through a network to establish a connection for exchanging data;
means to configure a first port to transmit data through, during the connection;
means to configure a second port to receive data from, during the connection;

means to transmit to the calling device a reply message identifying the first port as a port to transmit from, but not identifying the second port;

means to infer from the reply message an identity of the second port, and means to receive data addressed to the second port in response to the reply message.

24. (Currently amended) A device comprising:

means for receiving a call setup message from a device through a network to establish a connection for exchanging data;

means to configure a first port to transmit data through, during the connection;

means to configure a second port to receive data from, during the connection;

means to transmit to the device a reply message identifying the first port as a port to transmit from, but not identifying the second port; and

means to receive data addressed to the second port in response to the reply message, wherein where an identifying number of the second port has a preset relationship with an identifying number of the first port.

25. (Currently amended) The method device of claim 24, wherein where

the identifying number of the second port equals the identifying number of the first port.

26. (Currently amended) The device of claim 23, wherein where:

the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and

the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.

27. (Currently amended) An article comprising: a storage medium, the storage medium having instructions stored thereon, wherein and when the instructions are executed by at least one device, they result in:

transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;

receiving from the device a reply message;

analyzing the reply message for inclusion of an attribute of the device associated with the connection session;

inferring from the reply message the attribute that is not included in the reply message; and

transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute.

28. (Currently amended) The device article of claim 27, wherein where the inferred attribute is a codec type of the device or a maximum allowable jitter or burst size associated with data that may be received by the device.

29. (Currently amended) The device article of claim 27, wherein where the inferred attribute is a maximum bandwidth that the device may receive data in.

30. (Currently amended) An article comprising: a storage medium, the storage medium having instructions stored thereon, wherein and when the instructions are executed by at least one device, they result in:

~~transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;~~

~~receiving from the device a reply message;~~

analyzing the reply message;

inferring from the reply message an attribute of the device for the connection session that is not included in the reply message;

~~transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute, wherein where the reply message includes an identifying number of a port that the device will be using to transmit data from, and~~

~~the inferred attribute is the port number that will be used by the device to receive data from, inferred as a function of the identified port number.~~

31. (Currently amended) The device article of claim 30, wherein where the inferred port number is the same as the identified port number.

32. (Currently amended) The article of claim 27, wherein where:
the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and
the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.

33. (Currently amended) An article comprising: a storage medium, the storage medium having instructions stored thereon, wherein and when the instructions are executed by at least one device, they result in:

transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
receiving from the device a reply message;
analyzing the reply message;
inferring from the reply message an attribute of the device for the connection session that is not included in the reply message;
transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute; and
deciding that information about the attribute will not be forthcoming prior to inferring.

34. (Currently amended) The article of claim 33, wherein where deciding is performed by determining that the reply message was received before information about the attribute was received.

35. (Currently amended) The article of claim 33, wherein where:
the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and
the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.

36. (Currently amended) An article comprising: a storage medium, the storage medium having instructions stored thereon, wherein when the instructions are executed by at least one device, they result in:

receiving a call setup message from a calling device through a network to establish a connection for exchanging data;
configuring a first port to transmit data through, during the connection;
configuring a second port to receive data from, during the connection;
transmitting to the calling device a reply message identifying the first port as a port to transmit from, but not identifying the second port;
inferring from the reply message an identify identity of the second port; and
receiving data addressed to the second port in response to the reply message.

37. (Currently amended) An article comprising: a storage medium, the storage medium having instructions stored thereon, wherein and when the instructions are executed by at least one device, they result in:

receiving a call setup message from a device through a network to establish a connection for exchanging data;

configuring a first port to transmit data through, during the connection;

configuring a second port to receive data from, during the connection;

transmitting to the device a reply message identifying the first port as a port to transmit from, but not identifying the second port; and

receiving data addressed to the second port in response to the reply message, wherein where an identifying number of the second port has a preset relationship with an identifying number of the first port.

38. (Currently amended) The method article of claim 37, wherein where

the identifying number of the second port equals the identifying number of the first port.

39. (Currently amended) The article of claim 36, wherein where:

the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and

the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.

40. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;

receiving from the device a reply message;

analyzing the reply message for inclusion of an attribute of the device associated with the connection session;

inferring from the reply message the attribute that is not included in the reply message; and

transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute.

41. (Currently amended) The device method of claim 40, wherein where

the inferred attribute is a codec type of the device or a maximum allowable jitter or burst size associated with data that may be received by the device.

42. (Currently amended) The device method of claim 40, wherein where the inferred attribute is a maximum bandwidth that the device may receive data in.

43. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
receiving from the device a reply message;
analyzing the reply message;
inferring from the reply message an attribute of the device for the connection session that is not included in the reply message; and
transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute, wherein where the reply message includes an identifying number of a port that the device will be using to transmit data from, and
the inferred attribute is the port number that will be used by the device to receive data from, inferred as a function of the identified port number.

44. (Currently amended) The device method of claim 43, wherein where the inferred port number is the same as the identified port number.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim 40, wherein where:
the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and
the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.

46. (Previously presented) A method comprising:
transmitting a call setup message to a device through a network to establish a connection session for exchanging data;
receiving from the device a reply message;
analyzing the reply message;
inferring from the reply message an attribute of the device for the connection session that is not included in the reply message;
transmitting data to the device using the inferred attribute; and

deciding that information about the attribute will not be forthcoming prior to inferring.

47. (Currently amended) The method of claim 46, wherein where deciding is performed by determining that the reply message was received before information about the attribute was received.
48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 46, wherein where; the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.
49. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
receiving a call setup message from a device through a network to establish a connection for exchanging data;
configuring a first port to transmit data through, during the connection;
configuring a second port to receive data from, during the connection;
transmitting to the device a reply message identifying the first port as a port to transmit from, but not identifying the second port;
inferring from the reply message an identify identity of the second port; and receiving data addressed to the second port in response to the reply message.
50. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
receiving a call setup message from a device through a network to establish a connection for exchanging data;
configuring a first port to transmit data through, during the connection;
configuring a second port to receive data from, during the connection;
transmitting to the device a reply message identifying the first port as a port to transmit from, but not identifying the second port; and
receiving data addressed to the second port in response to the reply message, wherein where an identifying number of the second port has a preset relationship with an identifying number of the first port.
51. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, wherein where

the identifying number of the second port equals the identifying number of the first port.

52. (Currently amended) The method of claim 49, wherein where:
the call setup message is an H.323 version 3 fastStart type message; and
the reply message is an RSVP Path type message.